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Annual Agriculture Photography Contest Underway

LAKEWOOD, Colo. —Even though summer is waning and fall is approaching, it is still a great time to snap a photo and enter the annual “Colorado...it’s AgriCultural” photography contest. Colorado agriculture is evident everywhere, and the 15th annual photography contest is seeking entries as a way to celebrate the state’s agricultural heritage.

“The photography contest is a great way to showcase Colorado agriculture,” said Commissioner of Agriculture John Salazar. “I enjoy seeing how the diversity of Colorado agriculture is captured in pictures.”

Entries must be submitted to the Colorado Department of Agriculture with an official entry form by December 31, 2012. All photographs must be taken in the 2012 calendar year and must relate to Colorado agriculture in some way. Prizes will be awarded in five subject areas: agritourism, crops, livestock, people and open professional. Amateur and professional photographers are encouraged to enter, however, professionals may only enter agriculture-related photographs in the “open professional” category.

Judging will be based on theme, creativity and technical quality. The photographer whose picture best depicts the “spirit” of Colorado agriculture will receive \$150, and category winners will receive a “Colorado...it’s AgriCultural” prize pack. All winning photographs will be displayed in the Beede-Hamil Agriculture Building at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, Colo.

Visit www.coloradoagriculture.com/aginsights or call (303) 239-4119 for complete contest rules and an entry form. The contest is sponsored by the Colorado Department of Agriculture, the AgInsights Committee and Northeastern Junior College.

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Note: Winning photos from 2011 are available in .jpg format by contacting wendy.white@ag.state.co.us.